

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 19, 2006
10:00AM

LOCATION: Brownsburg Fire Territory Headquarters,
Brownsburg, Indiana

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
Rodney Coats (General Public)
Myron Mackey (EMTs)
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)
G. Lee Turpin II (Paramedics)
William Rutherford, MD (Emergency Physicians)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Davie (Municipal Fire)
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)
Timothy Schabbel (Volunteer Fire)

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Garvey, Deputy Director
William Teegarden, Administrative Law Judge,
(ALJ)
Brad Gavin, Agency Council

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodney Coats. Chairman Coats thanked officials of Brownsburg Fire Territory for use of the facility. Mike Garvey introduced Dr. William Rutherford as the Emergency Physician member of the commission.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Myron Mackey offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Olinger. The motion passed. The minutes were approved as written.

STAFF REPORTS:**EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION REPORT**

First Responders certified this date:	6,632
Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	350
Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	15,735
Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	577
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	25
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	1,248
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	69
Paramedics to be certified this date:	45
Paramedics currently certified:	2,675
Paramedics recertified this date:	170
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate to be certified this date:	2
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate currently certified:	99
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate recertified this date:	11
Temporary Certifications issued:	
EMT-B:	9
Advanced EMT:	0
Paramedic:	4
Drivers Certifications currently certified:	1259

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, EMT-I, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	6
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	18
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	16
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider	100
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport	30
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	4
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	5
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	20
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	4

Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	9
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	49
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	36
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	4
Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad	2
BLS Non-Transport Organization	316
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	85
Rescue Squad Organization	6
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	15
Total Providers	772

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Gary Miller. The motion passed.

EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

EMS Vehicle Inspections:	172
Provider/Hospital Applications Processed:	95
EMS Provider Visits:	185
EMS Provider Audits:	10
Hospital Visits:	30
Hospital Audits:	09
EMT Tests Proctored	10

EMS Operations Director Sherrie Crain congratulated those present for a job well done and wished them a happy EMS Week. Ms. Crain also reported that the Spring Provider Forums have been scheduled and that Janet Archer, Indiana State Department of Health will be speaking at each of the meetings on the topic of pandemic flu.

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson's written report included that 1,454,948 runs have been processed and that the private vendor data collection for DeKalb County EMS has been certified by the Data Registry. The registry has reached 87% in run reporting compliance.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Advisory Committee

Steve Garrison reported that the committee had three recommendations to present: 1) Curriculum addition to the EMT-Intermediate course, adding lessons for morphine sulfate use and cardioversion.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the committee. The motioned was seconded by Dr. Rutherford. The motion passed.

2) Curriculum addition of a lesson on pulse oximetry to the EMT Basic Curriculum.

Dr. Olinger asked if currently certified EMTs would be required to take the training. Mr. Miller acknowledged that it would not be a requirement and any training would be up to the medical director. Mr. Garrison agreed.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the committee. The motioned was seconded by Dr. Rutherford. The motion passed.

And 3) In regard to Primary Instructor Certification, allow the testing pre-requisite to be completed anytime prior to the Primary Instructor Certification Exam, allow the training institution to use discretion in determining the requirements of the internship instead of making it take an entire EMT course to complete, and revise the state certification examination so that the "Fundamentals of EMS Education" can be used without the need for other texts or supplementary materials.

Dr. Rutherford asked for clarification on the issue and it was given.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the committee. The motioned was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed.

Mr. Mackey commented that he had attended the education committee meeting and he believed all three topics were well discussed by the committee members. Dr. Olinger commended the committee for the work it had done on the recommendations.

EMS Data Registry Taskforce

Mr. Nelson reported the activity on the taskforce and proposed a compliance/fine schedule for 2006: Provider will have 15 days after the end of the quarter to download their data to the Data Registry. The Data Registry will then have 30 days to determine non-compliance and notify the EMS Operations Director. A list of the non-compliant providers will be posted on the agency website and a letter will be sent to the providers giving them 30 days to be compliant. After the 30 days, non-compliant providers will receive a letter of administrative action of a fine of up to \$500.00 per quarter they remain in non-compliance. Mr. Nelson also proposed that organizations that are certified at only the BLS Non-Transport level no longer be required to submit data.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to adopt the proposed compliance/fine schedule with administrative action to begin in July and no longer require BLS Non-Transport organization to submit data. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed.

Jane Craigin asked where the money collected as fines would go. Mr. Garvey responded that it would go into the EMS Education Fund.

Indiana State Department of Health

Mr. Garvey introduced Dr. Charlene Graves who described the development of a statewide trauma system for Indiana. The Indiana Trauma Taskforce is funded with federal money to determine what Indiana needs to improve patient outcome. Dr. Graves stated that the Trauma Registry needs data from EMS if the system is to be successful.

Dr. Graves also presented information on how a pandemic flu can develop and described the effects a pandemic would have on the state. She urged EMS to plan with health care partners, test the plans, and revise the plans as needed to manage health care concerns.

LEGAL MATTERS

Pending Administrative Cases

Agency Council Brad Gavin gave the commission a list of 2005 and 2006 EMS Administrative Orders.

Non-Final Order of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ)

Agency Order No. 05-08, Steven D. Doty, Paramedic No. 27591.

Mr. Gavin stated that the State has filed an objection to the Non-Final Order and proposed that the Commission set a briefing schedule to provide the State 45 days to submit a brief in support of the objection and provide Doty 45 days to submit a response brief.

Mr. Miller asked if court action has any bearing on what decision the commission can make. It does not.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to set the briefing schedule requiring the State to file their brief by July 3, 2006 and requiring Doty to file his brief by August 24, 2006. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Report

Mr. Garvey announced that effective July 1, Senate Enrolled Act 247 will become law and will provide civil protection to medical directors who donate their services. Among other things, the law will also allow the commission to charge for certifications. Randy Fox questioned why the law applies to just volunteer medical directors and not all medical directors. Mr. Garvey referred him to his Indiana legislator.

Request for Honorary Paramedic Certification

Mr. Garvey presented a request from Barbara Blevins seeking an Honorary Paramedic Certification for Linda L. Richman, Hoagland, who died of cancer this past December.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to grant the request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rutherford. The motion passed.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:

Provider Waiver Requests

Medcor at Cinergy (Duke Energy), Princeton, 836 IAC 2-2-1, twenty-four staffing on an paramedic ambulance, and 836 IAC 2-14-3, Vehicle requirement for a paramedic non-transport vehicle:

EMS District Manager Rebecca Blaggrave presented a request from Medcor at Cinergy. Medcor is a private contractor that provides EMS coverage at power plant construction sites. They are requesting permission to operate a paramedic non-transport unit only during the times that construction is occurring at the power plant. They are also requesting permission to use a "Gator" type vehicle as the non-transport unit. The request has the support of the medical director and the supervising hospital.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the waiver.

Mr. Miller asked about the local provider. They have no objection to the request. Dr. Rutherford commented that it would be a shame to have a paramedic available and not allowed to use his skills.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Craig. The motion passed.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:**2006 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES**

Friday, July 11, 2006, Brownsburg Fire Protection Territory
Headquarters

Thursday, September 14, 2006 (Conference Meeting)

Friday, November 17, 2006 (Location will be announced later)

Mr. Garvey welcomed Dr. Rutherford to the commission and announced that Commissioner Sue Dunham was out of state and unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Garvey reminded those present that the Volunteer EMS commission position remains unfilled. Anyone interested and qualified to fill that position should submit a resume to the Governor.

Mr. Garvey stated that staff was working on rules regarding the paramedic training institution accreditation process to go into effect May 1, 2007. He also asked providers to review their contracts with their medical directors to ensure the medical director is granted the authority to limit or forbid any personnel under his signature to practice. Dr. Olinger and Dr. Rutherford agreed that the authority needs to be granted and that medical directors must be empowered to restrict care.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved as amended by the Indiana EMS Commission: July 21, 2006